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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 26th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 2, at 10:00 am.

* 15 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

LEGISLATIVE DAY# 25

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

Speaker of the House, Rep. Glenn Richardson, gavelled the House into session today, at 10:00 am, for the 25th Legislative Day of the 2nd Session of the 148th General Assembly.

DEBATE CALENDAR

HB0276 Motor vehicles; licensing of ignition interlock device providers

- This bill would allow the Department of Driver's Services to regulate and oversee the ignition interlock device provider centers. Currently, this industry is unregulated though Georgia mandates these devices upon second DUI conviction.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Rice

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified-Open

- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

- **Yea:** 140 **Nay:** 0

HB0920 Employees' health insurance; certain members of local boards of education; provided benefits

- The bill relates to state employees' health insurance plan and authorizes local boards of education to provide health insurance benefits to members leaving office on or after December 31, 2006 if they have served 12 years as a member of the local board. Former members shall pay the entire cost of the health insurance coverage.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Education

- **Amendments:** AM 21 3437 by Rep. Barry Fleming: Adopted: This amendment allows local boards to opt in through local legislation.

- **Yea:** 144 **Nay:** 6

HB1031 Incest; gender neutrality; provisions

- Makes Code section 16-6-22 gender neutral with respect to incest. Currently incest is defined as father and daughter, mother and son, etc. This bill would define incest as father and child, mother and child, etc. Also adds sodomy as an act of incest – currently incest is only defined as sexual intercourse.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ron Dodson

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

- **Yea:** 153 **Nay:** 0

HB1112 Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; licensing; change provisions

- This bill changes certain provisions relating to licensing of speech-language pathologists and audiologists requiring audiologists to have a PhD in order to practice.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Smith

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified-Structured

- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

- **Amendment:** AM 25 0873 - Adopted

- **Yea:** 164 **Nay:** 0

HB1141 Lobbyists; payment of registration; provide

- This bill removes the exemption that non-profit organizations enjoy from having to pay for lobbyist registration. It also instructs the Legislative Fiscal Office to charge an appropriate amount for registration to cover the administrative costs of registering lobbyists, after consulting the Ethics Commission.

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Heard
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Ethics
- **Yea:** 158 **Nay:** 0

HB1209 Dept. of Public Safety; motorcycle enforcement program; provisions for payment

- Would allow monies collected by fines given by motorcycle police within an "urban interstate system" to go to supporting the motorcycle enforcement unit of the Department of Public Safety. Defines "urban interstate system" as that which is entirely within the borders of the state and forms a loop or perimeter; included any portions of interstate highways located within the loop

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jill Chambers
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Yea:** 143 **Nay:** 9

HB1291 Automobile clubs; regulate

- This bill would allow the state to regulate automobile clubs.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Richard Smith
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- **Yea:** 146 **Nay:** 0

HB1293 Conservation use covenant; breach; provide for additional acts

- This bill allows for a reduced penalty due to a breach of covenant only if the owner elects to discontinue the property in its qualifying use. To be granted this reduced penalty, the owner of such property must have entered into the covenant for the first time after reaching age 67 and has either owned the property for at least 15 years or inherited the property and has kept the property in qualifying use under the covenant for at least 3 years. The penalty for such a breach is the amount by which the current use assessment has reduced taxes otherwise due for the year in which the breach occurred.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Richard Royal
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Yea:** 130 **Nay:** 0

HB1390 State Board of Optometry; change certain provisions relating to creation

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation of the State Board of Optometry, its composition, and qualifications of its members; to change certain provisions relating to the terms of office of board members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Earl Ehrhart
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Rules
- **Yea:** 129 **Nay:** 23

** The House will reconvene Thursday, March 2 at 10:00 am for its 26th Legislative Day of the 2nd Regular Session of the 148th General Assembly.*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules today has fixed the calendar for the 26th Legislative Day, Thursday, March 2, as enumerated below, and can be called at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House.

DEBATE CALENDAR

HB0801 Physical therapists; licenses; eliminate certain requirement

- HB 801 would allow patients direct access to a physical therapist, without receiving a referral from a medical doctor, in the following instances:

1. Physical therapy services are provided for the purpose of fitness, wellness, or prevention that is not related to the treatment of an injury or ailment.
2. After a patient has received an initial medical diagnosis and been referred to physical therapy treatment, the patient may resume physical therapy if needed within 60 days of discharge. The physical therapist is required to notify the original doctor within five business days.

Furthermore, the physical therapist must hold a master or doctorate degree from a professional, accredited physical therapy program, or have completed at least two years of practical experience as a licensed physical therapist. Further under HB 801, the therapist must refer a patient to a doctor if the patient shows no substantial progress after 90 days of physical therapy treatment. The physical therapist is also required to refer the patient to a doctor if, at any time, the patient has symptoms or conditions beyond the scope of physical therapy.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom McCall
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries

HB0847 Juvenile proceedings; emancipation of minors by petition

- Creates a new Article to Title 15, Chapter 11 which provides that a minor be emancipated from their parents when they are validly married, when they reach 18 years of age, when on active duty in the military, or by court order when a petition is filed by a minor in juvenile court. The burden is placed on the minor to prove that it is in his or her best interest that he or she be emancipated and that he or she is financially secure, and has proof of housing. The bill creates procedural requirements for emancipation.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Butler
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

HB1014 Sales and use tax; government contractor; automatic repeal date; extend

- This bill provides for an extension of the sales tax exemption for overhead materials of a government contractor from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2009.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Steve Tumlin
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means

HB1018 Sales and use tax; biomass material; certain exemptions; provide

- This bill provides for a sales tax exemption for biomass material utilized in the production of energy which is subsequently sold. 'Biomass material' is defined as organic matter, excluding fossil fuels. An itemized list of qualifying materials is enumerated within the bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jeff Lewis
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means

HB1105 Contracting business; documentation of full-time engagement; provisions

- Creates new code section 43-14-8(h) and provides that no business can engage in conditioned air contracting unless such business is performing such services on a full-time basis and have a valid license. Any person who violates this provision can be fined up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence and can be denied a license for 5 years. Creates 44-14-15 which provides Agents of a corporation may provide such services so long as the principals, officers, members, or partners of such company are licensed and the company has received a certificate of authorization by the Board. Provisions for obtaining such certificate are set out in this bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ron Dodson
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open
- **House Committee:** Judiciary

HB1162 Department of Community Affairs; Section 8 housing fraud; require investigation

- Creates new code section 50-8-3.1 which allows the Department of Community Affairs to investigate abuse of federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and refer prosecution cases to District Attorneys in the counties for which the abuse took place. Further allows the Department of Community Affairs to settle cases that are not prosecuted as well as seek civil action.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Barry Fleming
- **Special House Rules Applied:** Modified-Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

HB1187 Appraisal; county staff; change certain provisions

- This bill creates an additional county classification for appraisal staff, Class IX, for counties having 275,000 or more parcels of real property. Class IX allows for the same amount of staff as Class VIII which is 2 Appraisers IV, 8 Appraisers III, 5 Appraisers II, and 5 Appraisers I. This bill further expands on how such staff should be hired. Current law allows appraisal staff for the other 8 classifications to be hired by the board of tax assessors pending adoption of an ordinance or resolution. The Class IX provision allows such staff members under this classification to be hired without ordinance or resolution by the county manager. If the members of the board of tax assessors fail to comply with the Class IX employment provision, such action shall be construed as grounds for removal from the board.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured

- **House Committee:** Ways & Means

HB1253 Drivers' licenses; certain provisions; clarify

- This bill provides for reinstatement of a minor's license upon proof of graduation from high school, provides that social security numbers shall not be used on driver's licenses, provides for a suspension for violation of restrictions on a driver's license, adds a license suspension for failure to appear in a federal court in this state, and clarifies the habitual violator permit eligibility provisions. Further, this bill provides for confidentiality of medical reports used for medical revocation of a driver's license, changes the times relating to restoring full driving privileges from a limited driving permit, and clarifies that trafficking is grounds for a driver's license suspension.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Rice

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

HB1257 Insurance; certain change of address filings; exempt from fee

- This bill permits the Commissioner of Insurance to exempt certain change of address filings by agents, subagents, counselors, and adjusters from a fee. Further, this bill provides for certain qualifications for a counselor's license and provides for the maintenance by the Commissioner of Insurance of the address of the place of business of agents, subagents, counselors, and adjusters.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Knox

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Insurance

HB1275 Commercial driver's license; violation; provide for revocation

- Creates code section 16-8-8 which provides for revocation of a defendant's commercial driver's license when they are convicted of theft with such a vehicle. Is an addition to other penalties assessed. The bill also amends Code Section 40-5-151 to reflect the changes in 16-8-8.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Vance Smith

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

HB1288 Municipal court clerks; required training; provide

- Bill requires new municipal court clerks to obtain 16 hours of training within the first year of being in said position. Further requires all municipal court clerks to obtain 8 hours of training annually. Said training will be prescribed by the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

HB1308 Nursing homes; fees; change certain provisions

- House Bill 1308 amends Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia. This bill relates to the care and protection of patients who are indigent and elderly. This bill will change particular provisions that relate to the maximum amount of aggregate nursing home provider fees which are to be paid and to change the provision which relates to assessment, calculation, and payment of quality assessment fees on care management organizations.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jeff Brown

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Human Relations & Aging

HB1310 Revenue and taxation; comprehensive revision of provisions; provide

- The bill is comprised of the annual federal update as well as several provisions regarding the Department of Revenue which are as follows:

Section 1: This section updates and conforms the Georgia Revenue Code to the IRS Code.

Section 2: This section ensures that tax information obtained by third parties contracting with the Department of Revenue will fall under confidentiality requirements.

Section 3: This section reduces the requirement for electronic funds transfer from \$10,000 to \$5,000 for sales tax, use tax, withholding tax, and motor fuel distributor tax.

Section 4: This section allows the Commissioner to provide extensions for filing returns and making payments of tax in a manner similar to the IRS in the event of a presidential declared disaster, or a terrorist or military action.

Section 5: This section allows dealers, which accept returned items past 90 days from the date of the original purchase, to deduct the amount of the return on their current sales and use tax return instead of filing an amended return for a credit.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Larry O'Neal

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured

- **House Committee:** Ways & Means

HB1319 Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority; change certain provisions

- This bill changes certain provisions relating to definitions relative to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, as well as certain provisions relating to purpose, powers, and duties of the authority. HB 1319 also changes certain provisions relating to loans to local governments and repayment thereof. Further, this bill also changes certain provisions relating to review of contracts and agreements with local governments by the EPD of the DNR.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Structured

- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

HB1326 State-wide Reserve Ratio; contribution rates; change certain provisions

- Extends the suspension provisions for overall increase in rates to December 31, 2006 when the State-wide Reserve Ratio is less than 1.00.

Provides for suspension provisions for overall increase in rates when the State-wide Reserve Ratio is less than 1.25 percent for the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Allows Commissioner of labor to have the option of raising overall rates by 35 percent for Employers who are subject to this suspension during this time period.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Coan

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Industrial Relations

HB1358 Quality Basic Education Act; class size requirements; change provisions

- This bill provides for the setting of maximum class sizes in Kindergarten through grade 12 in science, social studies, language arts, and mathematics, as well as other programs. It also establishes maximum system averages and provisions for hardships.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Brooks Coleman

- **Special House Rules Applied:** Open

- **House Committee:** Education

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 2 at 9:00 am to set the Debate Calendar for the 27th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

CHILDREN & YOUTH

HR1079 Creation of a Children's Budget Committee; create

- HR 1079 urges a House Study Committee with the ultimate goal of creating a children's' budget. The Study Committee would meet to determine whether legislative action should be recommended for the benefit of children's' safety, welfare, and education. A children's' budget would enable legislators to examine expenditures across agencies and programs, instead of the current line item format in the state budget.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Fran Millar

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

HB0510 Counties and municipalities; public water and sewage systems; prohibitions;

exceptions

- This bill changes certain provisions relating to acquisition and construction of water and sewage systems by prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring connection with or use of water supplied by a public water system except when other water is unfit.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Smith

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB1435 Voting; persons with disabilities; provisions

- This bill authorizes an attendant care giver to provide assistance in voting an absentee ballot. Further, HB 1435 provides for the manner of assistance in voting for persons with disabilities.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Sue Burmeister

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

HB1405 Workers' compensation; time frame for claim to be documented; require

- Bill provides that for all claims filed with SITF on or before July 1, 2006, the deadline for a reimbursement agreement to be reached will be June 30, 2009. For all claims filed with the SITF following July 1, 2006, the deadline for a reimbursement agreement to be reached will be 3 years upon receipt of notice of claim by the SITF. If compensability is in question before the State Board of Workers' Compensation, the deadline will be 3 years upon final adjudication by the Board.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Coan

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

INSURANCE

HB1444 Insurance; insolvencies; amend provisions

- This bill revises the applicability of certain sections of an Act approved May 2, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 563), so as to apply to insolvencies occurring on and after the effective date of the Act.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Howard Maxwell

- **Committee Action:**

JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

HB0987 Juvenile court; jurisdiction for adoption proceedings; amend

- Amends Code section 15-11-28 to grant Juvenile courts concurrent jurisdiction with Superior courts to hear adoption petitions if parental rights have been terminated or surrendered. Amends Code section 19-8-2 to reflect changes in 15-11-28. Changes required forms for adoption to reflect change to jurisdiction

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ed Lindsey

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB1320 Environmental offenses; littering; revise provisions

- This bill creates the "Comprehensive Litter prevention and Abatement Act of 2006." The Act reorganizes the Code sections that deal with proper litter disposal and punishments for improper litter disposal. The bill defines a new term "egregious litter" and provides for punishments as a misdemeanor any egregious litter that is not a biohazard; punishment will be as a felony if egregious litter is a biohazard. The Act will also allow law enforcement to impound the vehicle of anyone convicted of egregious litter and creates a procedure for taking and returning the vehicle. This bill sets requirements for reporting on litter by agencies to the General Assembly and empowers probate, municipal and magistrate courts to hear misdemeanor litter cases.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

PUBLIC SAFETY

HR1538 Georgia Public Safety Training Center; child custody disputes; urge to modify program

- Resolution urging the GA Public Safety Training Center along with other law enforcement training academies to modify their existing training programs which directly or peripherally deal with approved training curriculums. This would integrate those curriculums into federal and state curriculums with respect to handling crimes and reporting procedures associated with child custody disputes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Heard

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

PUBLIC UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

HR1365 New nuclear power plants; electric utilities; urge to build

- A resolution urging electric utilities to consider building new nuclear power plants in Georgia and the Public Service Commission to take appropriate steps to encourage this policy; and for other purposes.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Smith
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

HB1385 Building plan reviews; private professional providers; provisions

- HB 1385 would allow a governing authority or corporation to hire private professional providers to perform building plan reviews and inspections when the local jurisdiction cannot perform these services in a timely manner. HB 1385 allows 30 days for the local governing authority to provide the plan review before securing the services of a private professional provider. The term private professional provider is expanded to include a professional, registered architect in addition a professional, registered engineer.
- **Authored By:** Rep. John Heard
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB1445 Prescription drugs; effects on pregnancy; provisions for pharmacist

- HB 1445 would allow any pharmacist to refuse to fill a prescription drug which he believes is designed to terminate a pregnancy. However, the pharmacist would need to make all reasonable efforts to locate another pharmacist who is willing to fill the prescription, or else the pharmacist must immediately return the prescription to the prescription holder. Under 1445, the pharmacist would need to state his moral or religious objection in writing, but the written refusal could not be the basis for any disciplinary or recriminatory action against the pharmacist.
- **Authored By:** Rep. James Mills
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

RETIREMENT

HB0483 Teachers Retirement; credit for prior service

- Bill requires new municipal court clerks to obtain 16 hours of training within the first year of being in said position. Further requires all municipal court clerks to obtain 8 hours of training annually. Said training will be prescribed by the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Lane
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB0582 Employees' Retirement; temporary full-time service; obtain creditable service

- Bill allows members to obtain up to 12 months of creditable service for service as a temporary full-time employee at any time prior to becoming a member of ERS, including any period of time the member was covered by the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan (GDGP) - (currently, this option is not available to members if such service time was covered by the GDGP). Member is required to pay the employee and employer contributions with interest. Bill also allows members, who immediately prior to becoming members of ERS, were covered under the GDGP, to obtain creditable service for total prior service under the GDGP. For purposes of this code section, one month equals 20 days (160 hours) and to obtain the creditable service, the member must pay the full actuarial cost.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Hinson Mosley
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB0651 District attorneys emeritus; salary; eligibility

- Effective July 1, 2006 and thereafter, the salary of district attorney emeritus shall be increased to \$25,000 or one-half of the state salary received by such person as a DA for the calendar year immediately prior to the person's retirement, whichever is greater (currently \$15,000). An annual cost of living increase will be granted using several factors including the Consumer Price Index; however, the COLA shall not exceed 3%.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Sims
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

SPECIAL RULES

HB0988 War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission; create

- The 'War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act' was offered, and the sub relieves the state or local government of the obligation of funding the Commission. The availability of funding of the commission is contingent on the commission receiving grants, donations, or contract funds.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Cecily Hill

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CIVIL-JUSTICE REFORM

HB0925 Torts; asbestos claims and successor corporations; provisions

- HB 925 provides for a liability cap on certain asbestos related claims against being made against companies which never manufactured, sold, or distributed, asbestos products, but, prior to the dangers of asbestos being know, merged with companies that had dealt with asbestos products in the past. If such a merger was made prior to 1972, when OSHA recognized the dangers of asbestos, the "innocent" acquiring company's liability for asbestos related claims will be limited based on the fair market value of the acquired company's total gross assets, increased annually at an interest rate of prime plus 1%.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HB0239 Civil practice; settlement offers; litigation costs

- The committee substitute to HB 239 is designed to encourage opposing parties in a civil action to be reasonable in offers to settle. This bill creates a 75/125 standard which clarifies when a party is entitled to attorney's fees. A plaintiff will be required to pay a defendant's attorney's fees if the verdict to plaintiff is less than 75% of defendant's offer of settlement. A defendant will be required to pay a plaintiff's attorney's fees if the verdict to plaintiff is in an amount greater than 125% of plaintiff's offer of settlement.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY

****This meeting occurred yesterday, but the Committee Report was not reported until today.***

HB0884 Probation services provided by local governments; standards for officers

- Provide for probation services for persons convicted of misdemeanors provided by local governments or private corporations, enterprises, and entities; to provide standards for agreements regarding probation services provided by counties, municipalities, or consolidated governments; to provide standards for probation officers employed by counties, municipalities, or consolidated governments; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to change provisions relating to criminal record checks of probation officers; to provide for exceptions; to provide for reports; to prohibit certain activities by probation officers, probation employees, and other employees of counties, municipalities, and consolidated governments; to provide for confidentiality of certain records.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Butler

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB1318 Board and Dept. of Corrections; employee benefits; provisions

- This bill provides authority to place vending machines on the premises of department facilities for the benefit of employees. The profits generated from the vending services will be maintained by the local facility (under the authority of the executive director of the facility) in an interest bearing account designated as the 'employee benefit fund.' The employee benefit fund account of each facility shall be reviewed and audited by the administrative office of the local facility and by the department in accordance with standards and procedures established by the department. No account shall maintain funds in excess of \$5,000.00. Any funds collected causing the balance to exceed \$5,000.00 will be remitted to the department's general operating budget.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry Barnard

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HR0821 Vandiver, Governor Samuel E., Jr.; name building on University of Georgia campus

- This resolution recognizes the lifetime achievements of the late Governor Samuel Ernest Vandiver, Jr. by naming an appropriate building in his honor on the campus of the University of Georgia.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jeanette Jamieson

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

HB1412 Certain government vehicles; clean and renewable fuels; require use

- The bill requires the state, cities and counties, and local boards of education on and after January 1, 2007 to use clean and renewable fuels, such as biodiesel and ethanol, in any vehicles they operate when such fuel is compatible to the technology of the vehicle.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Smith

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

TRANSPORTATION**HB1090 Public works; exercise of power to contract by Dept. of Transportation; amend**

- This bill addresses DOT and other road construction projects and contracts. The legislation will no longer allow companies to win more contracts if their current project is more than 25% overdue. They will only be allowed further contracts when the project in violation of the 25% mark is brought current.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ben Harbin

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HR1169 Colonel R.H.Burson Bridge; designate

- This resolution was recommitted after going to rules. It was combined into a substitute and it was later decided that it should be passed out as a single resolution.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tim Bearden

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

HR1302 Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr. Memorial Highway; dedicate

- House Resolutions 1267, 1302, 1340, 1343, 1393 were all road and bridge dedications and namings combined into one substitute.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

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COMMITTEE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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